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We have been very disheartened by the Justice Dept failure to fully protect American consumers from Microsoft.  
We have not read anything which articulates our opinion better than the following:

"I was seething about Microsoft's arrogance. Then I read about the proposed settlement between Microsoft and the litigants in their monopoly suit. One of the provisions was that Microsoft was going to give a billion dollars worth of refurbished computers and Microsoft software to some of the poorest schools in the country. At first glance this seems altruistic, but then I started thinking about what a billion dollars of Windoze gear dumped into the academic market would mean to Apple, and my rage fired up again.

Here's a company that has been convicted of illegal business practices designed to limit competition. That competition includes Apple, of course. So, this crook of a company suggests that to make up for their crime, they will just make a new initiative into the last remaining market where Apple has a dominant position. A billion-dollar initiative into the academic market would mostly come out of Apple's market share and have serious implications for Apple's ability to maintain its lead in education!

"We're baffled that a settlement imposed against Microsoft for breaking the law should allow, even encourage, them to unfairly make inroads into education -- one of the few markets left where they do not have monopoly power," Apple's CEO Steve Jobs said in a statement.

Well they do make some nice software, but you really need to have your hand on your wallet when you are dealing with the crew from Seattle! I have a solution, though. ;) How about requiring Microsoft to buy a whole bunch of iMacs and iBooks from Apple -- say, a billion dollars' worth -- add Office v.X and THEN give the computers to the schools."  
-Don Mayer of SmallDog.com , an apple reseller in his newsletter Kibbles&Bytes #241

Please try to address the real issues and stay away from the politics, we have not benefitted by microsoft monopoly.

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